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## DEPART OF ENERGY Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [Docket No. CP18-6-000]

## RH energytrans, LLC; Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on November 18, 2022, RH energytrans, LLC (RH) requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) grant a second extension of time, until December 7, 2024, to complete construction of, and place into service, its Meadville and County Line compressor stations in Crawford and Erie Counties, Pennsylvania. The Commission previously issued a letter order granting an extension of time until and including December 7, 2022. The Order Issuing Certificate (Certificate Order)<sup>2</sup> required RH to complete the construction of the proposed Risberg Line Project facilities<sup>3</sup> and make them available for service within two years from issuance, or by December 7, 2020.<sup>4</sup>

In RH's initial October 2020 request for an extension of time<sup>5</sup> RH stated that it had experienced construction delays due to winter weather, the dissolution of one of its pipeline contractors, and delays resulting from COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. RH states that it has continued to experience similar conditions and that commercial activity has only slowly been returning in the areas served by the Risberg Line. As a result, RH now requests an additional two years, or until December 7, 2024, to complete the authorized construction at the Meadville and County Line compressor stations and make them available for service.<sup>6</sup>

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on RH's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> RH energytrans, LLC, Docket No. CP18-6-000, Letter Order (Nov. 18, 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> RH energytrans, LLC, 165 FERC ¶ 61,218 (2018) (Certificate Order).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The Risberg Line Project consists of the conversion of 31.6 miles of existing 8-inch and 12-inch natural gas gathering pipeline to transmission service, construction of 28.3 miles of new 12-inch pipeline, conversion of the existing Countyline Compressor station from gathering to transmission service, and construction of a new compressor station at Meadville, PA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Id.* at ordering para. (B)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> RH energytrans, LLC, Request for Extension of Time to Complete Construction of Jurisdictional Facilities, Docket No. CP18-6-000 (Oct. 19, 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> On December 1, 2019, RH placed all of the Risberg Line Project facilities into service except for the Meadville and County Line compressor stations.

status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10).<sup>7</sup>

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for Natural Gas Act facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension requests that are contested, the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days. The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the extension. The Commission will not consider arguments that re-litigate the issuance of the Certificate Order, including whether the Commission properly found the project to be in the public convenience and necessity and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the certificate complied with the National Environmental Policy Act. At the time a pipeline requests an extension of time, orders on certificates of public convenience and necessity are final and the Commission will not re-litigate their issuance. The OEP Director, or his or her designee, will act on those extension requests that are uncontested.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the *Federal Register*, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (http://ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning COVID-19, issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Only motions to intervene from entities that were party to the underlying proceeding will be accepted. *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC,* 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 39 (2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 CFR. 385.2201(c)(1) (2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Id. P 40.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Similarly, the Commission will not re-litigate the issuance of an NGA section 3 authorization, including whether a proposed project is not inconsistent with the public interest and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the permit order complied with NEPA.

 $<sup>^{12}</sup>$  Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFile" link at http://www.ferc.gov. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original copy of the protest or intervention by US mail to Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions by any other courier in docketed proceedings should be delivered to, Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Comment Date: 5:00 pm Eastern Time on December 14, 2022.

Dated: November 29, 2022.

Kimberly D. Bose, *Secretary*.

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